

Remarks

Applicants note with appreciation the detail and thoroughness of the Office Action dated April 2, 2009, hereinafter "the Office Action", and in particular the withdrawal of the standing 35 U.S.C. §112 and §102(b) rejections. Per the Office Action, claims 5-6 have been newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112; claims 1, 3-5, 8, and 12-14 have been newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bailey et al., U.S. Patent Publication 2002/01506539, hereinafter *Bailey*, in view of the Food and Nutrition Board, hereinafter *FNB*; and claims 6-7 have been newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Bailey* in view of *FNB* and Nutrient Requirements and Balancing Rations for Horses, hereinafter *Lawrence*.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to recite with greater clarity that the B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ vitamins are supplied to compensate for their loss due to carboxylic acid metabolism; claim 5 is amended to delete the term "preferably MgO" deemed unclear; claim 6 is amended to recite a method directed to an animal; claim 7 is amended to correct antecedent basis; and claim 15 is newly added to recite the feature with respect to specific amounts of the B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ vitamins. This feature is concurrently canceled from claim 1 as claim 1 in the amended form is believed to have sufficiently defined over the cited art. Support for the claim amendments are found in the specification and the claims as originally filed, and in particular in paragraphs [0004], [0007], and [0011] of the published application. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. In light of the instant claim amendments and the remarks set forth below, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Remarks to the IDS

References Hofmann (DE 2559569) and Hofmann (DE 25559570) were deemed incomplete in their respective translated form previously submitted (the Office Action, page 2). Concurrently submitted herewith is an updated version of the reference Hofmann (DE2559569) with translated tables of components fully provided to the claim section on page 1 and the example section on page 4. Concurrently submitted herewith also is an updated version of the

reference Hofman (DE2559570) with translated tables of components fully translated and provided to the claim section on page 1 and the example section on page 3. The references as provided herewith are believed to be complete and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

***Remarks Directed to Claim
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112***

Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (the Office Action, page 3). The term "preferably MgO" is deleted off of claim 5; and claim 6 is amended to recite a method directed to an animal. Requisite clarification is believed to have been provided to the claims 5-6. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully solicited.

***Remarks Directed to the Claim Rejection Under
35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bailey in View of FNB***

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Bailey*, in view of *FNB* (the Office Action, pages 4-7). For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 recites a food and feed supplement comprising at least one C₁₋₈ carboxylic acid and/or its salt as the basic ingredient wherein the C₁₋₈ carboxylic acid is a formic acid, a citric acid, a lactic acid, a propionic acid, an ascorbic acid, a fumaric acid, an acetic acid or a benzoic acid; the B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ vitamins in a combined amount of 10-50 mg/gram dry weight of the supplement ***to compensate for the loss of the B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ vitamins due to carboxylic acid metabolism***; 5-25 mg Fe/gram dry weight of the supplement; and 0-1 mg of an antioxidant per 100 mg dry weight of the supplement, the amount of the carboxylic acid and/or its salt will give a pH of 2.0-6.0 when the supplement is dissolved in water.

The claimed invention reflects applicants' findings that specific B vitamins B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ are lost during carboxylic acid metabolism. See also the published application at

paragraphs [0004], [0007], and [0011]. Carboxylic acids are known to have beneficial effects when provided as feed supplements. However, when pigeons and horses, for instance, are exposed to stress and competition conditions, their performance fails in spite of the fact that they are fed with proper feed containing carboxylic acids. The claimed invention is directed to Applicants' discovered solutions as to compensating for the loss of these specific B vitamins B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ incidental to the metabolism of carboxylic acids such that competition performance of a subject is improved.

Nowhere in *Bailey* or *FNB* is there any teaching or suggestion with respect to Applicants' recognition of the above-stated problems associated with the loss of specific B vitamins during carboxylic acid metabolism. *Bailey* and *FNB*, alone or in combination, simply fail to teach or suggest the claimed feature of supplying B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ vitamins to compensate for their loss due to carboxylic acid metabolism as recited in the independent claim 1.

The cited combination *Bailey* or *FNB* further fails to teach or suggest additional features as recited in the independent claim 1. For instance, the Examiner admits that *Bailey* does not teach or suggest a supplement containing B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ in a combined amount of 10-50 mg/gram dry weight of the supplement as required in claim 1 (the Office Action, page 5). Moreover, *Bailey* fails to teach or suggest the inclusion all of B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ along with iron and antioxidant in a single composition in the form of a feed supplement. *FNB* fails to cure *Bailey*'s deficiency, as *FNB* fails to teach or suggest the specific amounts of various elements as recited in claim 1, particularly that B₆, B₉ and B₁₂ are in combined amounts of 10-50 mg/gram dry weight of the supplement or that iron is contained in 5-25 mg / gram dry weight of the supplement. The law is clear that all words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art. *In re Wilson*, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970). *See also* MPEP 2143.03.

On pages 5-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner seems to suggest that all the specific amounts as recited in claim 1 can be "routinely calibrated" and that workable ranges can be obtained through "routine experimentation." A particular parameter must first be recognized

as a result-effective variable, i.e., a variable which achieves a recognized result, before the determination of the optimum or workable ranges of said variable might be characterized as routine experimentation. *In re Antonie*, 559 F.2d 618, 195 USPQ 6 (CCPA 1977). *See also* MPEP §2144.05. Therefore, the result-effective variable is only relevant to achieving a recognized result. Here, and as stated herein above, the cited combination neither recognizes that there is a lack of certain B vitamins during the metabolism of carboxylic acid, nor does it recognize that these certain B vitamins, B₆, B₉, and B₁₂ in particular, should be supplemented in a way to make up their loss during carboxylic acid metabolism. As this recognized result is not taught or suggested in the cited combination, there are no parameters to be optimized or routinely experimented on.

It should be noted that the International Preliminary Examining Authority has clearly appreciated the difference between the claimed invention and *Bailey*, and opines that claimed invention "differs from the teaching of the document D1 (*Bailey*) in that there is a selection of ranges of composition with respect to the amounts of B vitamins" and that "the effect of this selection is that the positive contribution of carboxylic acid can be maintained during metabolism." *International Preliminary Report on Patentability* of May 15, 2006. It is further worth noting that corresponding patents have been granted by the European Patent Office by the Patent Offices in Norway, the Netherlands, Russia, New Zealand, and South Africa. *Please see* Exhibit 1.

Based on the above, the independent claim 1 and all the claims dependent therefrom are submitted to be patentable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection to claims 1, 3-5, 8, and 12-14 is solicited.

Remarks Directed to the Claim Rejection
Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bailey in View of FNB and Lawrence

Claims 6-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Bailey* in View of *FNB* and *Lawrence* (the Office Action, pages 7-8). Claims 6-7 are submitted to be patentable due to

their dependency from claim 1, which is now believed to be in allowable form in light of the remarks set forth above.

Lawrence fails to cure the deficiency of *Bailey* in view of *FNB*. In fact, *Lawrence teaches away* from the claimed invention. At page 2, *Lawrence* teaches "the *B complex vitamins* are synthesized in the horse's digestive tract and supplements are *not* needed for horses consuming maintenance diets." (Emphasis added.) Teaching away is strong evidence of non-obviousness. *W.L. Gore v. Garlock*, 220 USPQ 303 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

Based on the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of rejections to claims 6-7 is solicited.

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Conclusion

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to each of the rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If a telephone or video conference would help expedite allowance or resolve any additional questions, such a conference is invited at the Examiner's convenience

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result fo the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT 1

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Es wird hiermit bescheinigt,
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It is hereby certified that a
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CERTIFICAT

Il est certifié qu'un brevet
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OPPOSITION

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the enclosed invention

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LETTERS PATENT

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS pursuant to the Patents Act 1953 an application has been made for a patent of an invention for

Food and feed supplement and its use

(more particularly described in the complete specification relating to the application)

AND WHEREAS

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NOW, THEREFORE, We by these letters patent give and grant to the patentee our special licence, full power, sole privilege, and authority, that the patentee by himself, his agents, or licensees and no others, may subject to the provisions of any statute or regulation for the time being in force make, use, exercise and vend the said invention within New Zealand and its dependencies during a term of twenty years from 6 December 2004 and that the patentee shall have and enjoy the whole profit and advantage from time to time accruing by reason of the said invention during the said term:

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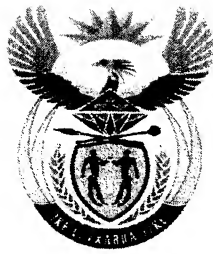
- (1) That these letters patent shall determine and become void if the patentee does not from time to time pay the renewal fees prescribed by law in respect of the patent:
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Commissioner of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs

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CERTIFICATE

In accordance with section 44 (1) of the Patents Act, No. 57 of 1978, it is hereby certified that

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has been granted a patent in respect of an invention described and claimed in complete specification deposited at the Patent Office under the number

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A copy of the complete specification is annexed, together with the relevant Form P2.

In testimony thereof, the seal of the Patent Office has been affixed at Pretoria with effect

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**DECISION TO GRANT
A PATENT FOR AN INVENTION**

(21) Application No.: **2006123220/13 (025193)** (22) Filing date: **06.12.2004**

As a result of substantive examination it has been established that

☐ the claimed invention
☒ the claimed group of inventions

satisfies the requirements and patentability criteria set forth in the Civil Code of the Russian Federation. In view of the aforesaid the decision to grant a patent for invention is issued.

The decision issued on the basis of the substantive examination is enclosed.

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DECISION ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF EXAMINATION

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(54) Title of the invention

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AND THEIR USE**

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As a result of substantive examination conducted in relation to

☐ the originally filed claims

☒ the claims amended by the Applicant

it has been established that

☐ the invention

☒ the group of inventions

satisfies the requirements and patentability criteria set forth in Articles 1349 and 1350 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

The accepted claims are presented on pages 3, 4.

The title of the invention has been corrected by the Examiner in accordance with the amended claims.

The disclosure originally corrected by the Applicant will be published.

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UPDATED ENGLISH TRANSLATION TO THE CITED REFERENCE

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54 Title: Liquid feed for carrier pigeons

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Patent claim

Liquid feed for carrier pigeons, consisting of an aqueous solution of

Vitamin A
Vitamin B-1
Vitamin B-2 phos. Na
Vitamin B-6
Vitamin B-12
Vitamin C
Vitamin D-2
Vitamin D-3
Vitamin E
Vitamin H
Vitamin K -1
Vitamin K -3
Vitamin B3 (Niacin), historically called Vitamin PP
Biotin (Vitamin B7)
Inositol (Cyclohexanhexol)
Panthenol
Na pantothenate (Vitamin B5)
Folic acid
P-aminobenzoic acid
Choline chloride
Lysin-HCl
Sugar cane
Levulose
Glucose
Pectin
Organic acids
Betaine
Nitrogen compounds
Mineral salts;
Li, Ca, Mg, Na, K,
Fe, Cu, Mn –compounds
Trace elements and
rare earth elements
Demineralized water

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Liquid feed for carrier pigeons

The invention concerns a new liquid feed for carrier pigeons, containing vitamins.

Breeders are aware that the growth, production, performance and appearance of carrier pigeons are very highly dependent on the type of feed given to them. It is important in this context that the carrier pigeons are not only supplied with the basic nutrients, carbohydrates, fats, proteins, but also with vitamins, minerals and amino acids. An additional decisive factor for the achievement of the desired result is that the composition of the feed is made up in a qualitatively optimum fashion.

The most important carbohydrates are starch, mono- and disaccharides and also glucose and sucrose. Several fatty acids in fat are vitally important to the animal body. But these essential fatty acids, which the animal is not able to synthesise itself, are present in sufficient quantities in the feed. The body can form a fairly large number of the amino acids essential for the maintenance of vital functions from other amino acids. But certain amino acids have to be given in the diet since the body is not able to construct them. These include lysine, for example.

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In addition to the organic nutrients, minerals, such as sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium and phosphorus are also essential constituents of the diet. Very small quantities of iron, copper, zinc, manganese, cobalt and iodine are also required for metabolic functions to progress normally. These are known as trace elements.

The higher the load on the body, the greater its requirement for vitamins. Since it is unable to synthesise these itself, they must also be supplied in the feed.

The invention is based on the problem of making available a feed for carrier pigeons that is adapted to a wide variety of conditions as regards the animals and to the changing requirements made of the pigeons.

This problem is resolved by the liquid feed in accordance with the patent claim.

The constituents of the feed in accordance with the invention provide strength and performance and have a favourable influence on the animal metabolism.

The feed can be made up by combining the individual constituents. But it can also be put together from previously combined mixtures or partial mixtures of desired feed constituents. For example, mixtures of the active substances can be obtained from the extract of freshly harvested sugar beets.

The feed in accordance with the invention is particularly useful for providing vitamins to the pigeons, for achieving an optimum feather structure and for rearing young pigeons, as well as for use as a strength-giving feed for short, medium and long-distance flights.

Below is an example of quantitative composition of the feed in accordance with the invention. This feed is produced using the extract of freshly harvested sugar beets,

Example:

Vitamin A		5 Mill. IE
Vitamin B-1		2,500 µg
Vitamin B-2 phos. Na		10 mg
Vitamin B-6		3,500 µg
Vitamin B-12		1,200 µg
Vitamin C		700 µg
Vitamin D-2		500,000 IE
Vitamin D-3		500.00 IE
Vitamin E		2,500 mg
Vitamin H		1,200 mg
Vitamin K -1		400 mg
Vitamin K -3		250 mg
Vitamin B3/Niacin		55 mg
Biotin (Vitamin B7)		250 µg
Inositol		5,000 mg
Panthenol		600 mg
Na pantothenate (Vitamin B5)		500 mg
Folic acid		6,500 µg
P Aminobenzoic acid		100 mg
Choline chloride		1,500 mg
Lysin-HCl		60 mg
Sugar cane	ca.	82.55 g
Levulose	ca.	40.00 g
Glucose	ca.	40.00 g
Pectin	ca.	22.00 g
Organic acids	ca.	6,500.00 mg
Betaine	ca.	2,250.00 mg
Nitrogen compounds	ca.	2,000.00 mg
Mineral salts:		
Li, Ca, Mg, Na, K,	ca.	3,750.00 mg
Fe, Cu, Mn -compound	ca.	500.00 mg

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Trace elements and rare earth elements	ca.	500.00 mg
Demineralized water ad.		1,000.00 mg

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Patent claim

Travel preparation for carrier pigeons, in powder form, consisting of

Vitamin A-palmitate
Vitamin E-acetate
Vitamin K 3
Vitamin C
Vitamin B1 chloride HCl
Vitamin B2 phosphate Na
Vitamin B6 HCl
Vitamin B12 Cyanocomplex
Nicotinamid (Vitamin B3)
Ca-D-pantothenate (Vitamin B5)
Folic acid (Vitamin B9)
Ca-levulinate

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Travel preparation for carrier pigeons

The invention concerns a travel preparation for carrier pigeons.

Breeders are aware that the growth, production, performance and appearance of carrier pigeons are very highly dependent on the type of feed given to them. It is important in this context that the carrier pigeons are not only supplied with the basic nutrients, carbohydrates, fats, proteins, but also with vitamins, minerals and amino acids. An additional decisive factor for the achievement of the desired result is that the composition of the feed is adjusted to the load and condition of the pigeon at the time. A feed that is suitable to strengthen the pigeon in its home loft during a fairly long recovery period may not be the optimum feed for a long-distance flight.

The invention is based on the problem of creating a feed for carrier pigeons that is particularly suitable as a travel preparation.

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The travel preparation for carrier pigeons in accordance with the invention is characterised in the patent claim.

It has been found that the travel preparation in accordance with the invention, which is particularly high in vitamins, prepares the pigeons optimally for their journey.

Below is an example of the quantitative composition of the travel preparation in accordance with the invention.

Example:

The dry mixture contains the following quantities per g

x	Vitamin A-palmitate	25,000 IE
x	Vitamin E-acetate	5 mg
	Vitamin K 3	2 mg
	Vitamin C	20 mg
	Vitamin B1 chloride HCl	2 mg
	Vitamin B2 phosphate Na	2.86 mg
	Vitamin B6 HCl	2 mg
	Vitamin B12 Cyanocomplex	0.01 mg
	Nicotinacidamid (Vitamin B3)	25 mg
	Ca-D-pantothenate (Vitamin B5)	5 mg
	Folic acid (Vitamin B9)	1 mg
	Ca-levulinate	20 mg

x in powder form, soluble in cold water

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